

enable the deployment of distributed transmission systems (also known as “single frequency networks”), as permitted under section 73.626 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations; and

(C) in consultation with the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, to public telecommunications entities to facilitate the construction, updates, replacement, and repair of public telecommunications facilities to maintain or improve public telecommunications services provided by those public telecommunications entities to the American public through broadcast and digital distribution technologies.

(2) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall establish an application process for covered grants.

(B) SELECTION PRIORITY.—In selecting projects to be funded by a covered grant, the Assistant Secretary shall apply the criteria established by the rules promulgated under subsection (c).

(c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall promulgate rules that—

(1) establish the requirements for applications for covered grants;

(2) identify the criteria to be used by the Assistant Secretary in prioritizing projects;

(3) identify reasonable eligible costs to be presumptively approved by the Assistant Secretary in awarding covered grants; and

(4) establish procedures for the submission and review of cost estimates and other materials related to those costs consistent with the rules promulgated under this subsection.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to remain available until expended, of which—

(A) not more than \$3,700,000,000 may be used for grants under subsection (b)(1)(A);

(B) not more than \$1,000,000,000 may be used for grants under subsection (b)(1)(B); and

(C) not more than \$300,000,000 may be used for grants under subsection (b)(1)(C).

(2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Assistant Secretary may reserve not more than 4 percent of the funds made available under paragraph (1) for reasonable administrative costs associated with the grant program established under subsection (b).

SA 2152. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of division F, add the following:
TITLE VI—STATE FUNDING UNDER RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE PROGRAMS

SEC. 60601. STATE FUNDING UNDER RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE PROGRAMS.

(a) ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECTS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDING.—Title VII of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950cc et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 704. ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECTS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDING.

“In administering any broadband or telecommunications program, the Secretary,

acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, shall not determine that a project is ineligible for funding because the project has received funding from a State.”.

(b) STATE FUNDS TO SATISFY MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of any matching funds requirement under any program administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, an applicant for funding under that program may use funds received from a State program (including funds received by a State from the Federal Government) to satisfy the matching funds requirement.

SA 2153. Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF FUNDS.

A grantee or subgrantee carrying out a program, project, or activity that is, in whole or in part, carried out using funds provided by the Department of Energy or the Department of Transportation shall clearly state, to the extent possible, in any statement, press release, request for proposals, bid solicitation, or other document describing the program, project, or activity, other than a communication containing not more than 280 characters—

(1) the percentage of the total costs of the program, project, or activity that will be financed with funds provided by the Department of Energy or the Department of Transportation;

(2) the dollar amount of the funds provided by the Department of Energy or the Department of Transportation made available for the program, project, or activity; and

(3) the percentage of the total costs of, and dollar amount for, the program, project, or activity that will be financed by nongovernmental sources.

SA 2154. Ms. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division C, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CERTAIN TRANSIT AND RAIL PROJECTS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Transportation shall not provide any new assistance for a transit or rail project if—

(1) the overall cost projection to complete the project exceeds the original cost projection by at least \$1,000,000,000; and

(2) the operational and administrative costs of the service provided by the project are projected to exceed the revenues generated from ridership annually over the next decade.

SA 2155. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, and Ms. LUMMIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2137 proposed by Mr. SCHUMER (for Ms. SINEMA (for herself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. TESTER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROMNEY)) to the bill H.R. 3684, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in division I, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AUTHORITY TO USE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 601(d)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(B) by striking “A State, Tribal government, and unit of local government” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A State, Tribal government, and unit of local government”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a State, Tribal government, or unit of local government may use funds provided under a payment made under this section for a project described in subparagraph (B), including—

“(i) in the case of a project described in clause (xi), (xii), or (xiii) of that subparagraph, to satisfy a non-Federal share requirement applicable to such a project; and

“(ii) in the case of a project described in clause (xiii) of that subparagraph, to repay a loan provided under the program described in that clause.

“(B) PROJECTS DESCRIBED.—A project referred to in subparagraph (A) is any of the following:

“(i) A project eligible under section 133 of title 23, United States Code.

“(ii) A project eligible under section 119 of title 23, United States Code.

“(iii) A project eligible under section 148 of title 23, United States Code.

“(iv) A project eligible under section 167 of title 23, United States Code.

“(v) A project eligible under section 149 of title 23, United States Code.

“(vi) An activity to carry out section 134 of title 23, United States Code.

“(vii) A project eligible under section 202 of title 23, United States Code.

“(viii) A project eligible under section 203 of title 23, United States Code.

“(ix) A project eligible under section 204 of title 23, United States Code.

“(x) A project eligible under section 165 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xi) A project that receives a grant under section 117 of title 23, United States Code.

“(xii) A project that receives a grant under the program for national infrastructure investments (commonly known as the ‘Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program’).